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SUBJ: BRITISH VIEWS ON SOVIET INTEREST IN FRG ELECTIONS  
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1. ACCORDING TO DAVID BEATTIE, ACTING HEAD, WEST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, FCO, FCO DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT SOVIETS TO DATE ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EITHER SUPPORTING OR HARMING SPD IN FRG ELECTION CAMPAIGN. FCO DOUBTS THAT SOVIETS ARE BLIND TO REAL POSSIBILITY THAT KOHL AND CDU MIGHT COME OUT ON TOP IN WHAT BRITISH SEE AS A VERY CLOSE ELECTION.

2. QUESTIONED ABOUT APPARENT UPSURGE IN LAST FEW MONTHS OF SOVIET INTEREST IN BERLIN QUESTIONS (SEE SEPTEL ON QA ANNIVERSARY PROPOSAL), BEATTIE SAID HE BELIEVES SOVIET ARE RESPONDING TO EVENTS IN TRADITIONAL FASHION. HE DOUBTS THAT SOVIETS ARE TAKING ANY INITIATIVES, BUT FINAL JUDGEMENT ON THIS QUESTION WOULD REQUIRE DETAILED RESEARCH AND COMPARATIVE STUDIES. IT IS NOT HIS IMPRESSION (AND PRESUMABLY THAT OF FCO) THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN UPSURGE

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OF SOVIET INTEREST IN GERMAN QUESTIONS.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT SOVIET INTEREST IN BRITISH POLITICS  
(STRONG SOVIET REACTION TO MRS. THATCHER'S JANUARY  
SPEECH, ETC.), BEATTIE SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SIMILAR  
PHENOMENON IN REGARD TO WEST GERMAN POLITICS. HE SUSPECTS  
SOVIETS PROBABLY HAVE VIEWS ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS SIMILAR  
TO THOSE OF THE BRITISH, WHO BELIEVE SDP/FDP VICTORY IS  
BY NO MEANS ASSURED.

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